

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14-18 and amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1. (currently amended) For use in a communication-restricted environment that blocks public access to an information content that would otherwise be available except for the communication-restricted environment, a[[A]] method of providing to an individual access to [[an]]the information content, the method comprising:

at a transit terminal, providing access over an information network to a repository hosting the information content;

at the transit terminal, enabling to transfer the information content over the network from the repository to a mobile storage medium; and[[,]]

providing use of the information content from the storage medium to the individual in the communication-restricted environment.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

downloading the information content from the repository onto the mobile storage medium.

3. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing an apparatus at the transit terminal to allow the individual to cause the transfer of the information content.

4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information network comprises the Internet.

5. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein transferring the information content is enable over a wireless communication channel.

6. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the storage medium is an optical storage medium.

7. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the storage medium is provided to the individual when entering a means of transportation.

8. (original) The method of Claim 1, comprising:

identifying the individual;
upon identification, enabling the individual to select the information content from a plurality of information contents; and,
downloading the selected information content onto the mobile storage medium.

9. (original) The method of Claim 1, comprising:

enabling the individual to enter identification information;
selecting the information content based on the identification information; and,
downloading the information content.

10. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information content is selected based on a profile of the individual.

11. (original) A method of Claim 1, comprising:

charging a fee for transferring the information content.

12. (currently amended) For use in a communication-restricted environment that blocks public-access to an information content that would otherwise be available except for the communication-restricted environment, a[[A]] method of providing to an individual access to an information content, the method comprising:

at a transit terminal, providing access over an information network to a repository hosting the information content;

at the transit terminal, enabling to transfer the information content over the network between the repository and a mobile storage medium;

assigning a traveling location to the individual in a means of transportation, the means of transportation including the mobile storage medium; and,

providing at the assigned traveling location an apparatus to enable the individual to access the information content in the communication-restricted environment.

13. (original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the information content is determined from a plurality of information contents on the basis of a profile of the individual.

14-18. (canceled)